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The Examiner withdrew the allowability of claim 15.

The Examiner rejected claim 15 as being anticipated by Clark, USP 2,731,061. The Examiner also rejected claim 41 as being anticipated by Anderson et al, USP 3,191,654

However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 9 and 17-40 are allowed.

The Examiner apparently inadvertently failed to mention independent claim 11, which should also be allowed. In the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005 the Examiner indicated that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 11 was previously rewritten in independent form. Therefore, rewritten independent claim 11 should now be allowable.

Claim 11 has also been amended slightly, simply clarify a possible indefiniteness. In the last three lines of claim 11 previously recited "...apron extending from said insert bead in use to said insert valve area to protect said inner tube against damage from said insert valve." However, there is no antecedent basis for "said inner tube". Therefore, independent claim 11 has merely been amended to obviate this potential indefiniteness.

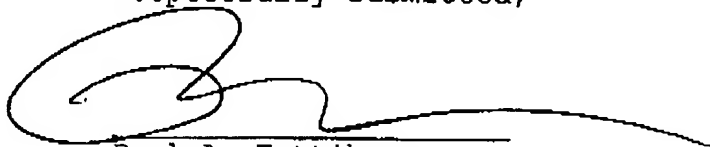
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In an effort to expedite the prosecution of the present application and grant of a patent, rejected claims 15 and 41 have been cancelled.

The only claims remaining in the application are now believed to be allowable. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this proposed Amendment and Reply, forward the Notice of Allowability, and pass the application to issue.

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